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# The Elba Clipper

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## Cities of Elba and Geneva officially dedicate completed levee rehabilitation projects

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The cities of Elba and Geneva joined together last Friday, June 1, to celebrate the completion of the levee rehabilitation projects. The special dedication ceremony was attended by several

dignitaries, and everyone seemed to agree it was certainly a day for saying "thank you" and "well done."

Elba Mayor James Grimes said the people of Elba depend upon the 3.2-mile U-shaped levee for protection.

"I know the people living inside the levee feel safer today than they did before this project began," said Mayor Grimes.

Geneva Mayor Karen Simmons said everyone in attendance for the dedication ceremony held in Elba knows what the levee means. She said the levee is a monument - a monument of what can happen when government works well together.

The keynote address was given by Congressman Terry Everett.

"Elba is not only a proud town. It's a symbol of triumph over adversity," Everett said.

Everett said the desire of the people of Elba to rebuild after the floods captured the hearts of America. He added that the levee is the latest example of that desire to recover and prosper.

Others making short statements during the dedication ceremony included U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representatives, several Alabama legislators, Alabama Emergency

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U.S. Congressman Terry Everett (standing at podium) gave the keynote address during last Friday morning's Elba and Geneva Levee Rehabilitation Projects Dedication Ceremony held in Elba. Many dignitaries attended this special dedication ceremony and shared glad feelings of having the projects completed. Shown listening intently to Congressman Everett's address are Geneva Mayor Karen Simmons and Elba Mayor James Grimes.

## Pitts Enterprises given court approval to buy Dorsey Trailers

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Approval was given Tuesday for Dorsey Trailers to be sold to Pitts Trailers.

Elba Mayor James Grimes was in federal bankruptcy court Tuesday morning to hear the decision. He had been con-

cerned about another delay due to possible additional concerns of the judge who turned down the last agreement.

Another concern which jumped up recently was an offer by the Colorado company which had tried for several months to put together a finance plan, only

to forfeit a \$200,000 deposit when they failed to produce the amount of money they had originally offered. This firm filed a letter with the court recently offering to pay \$2.4 million for Dorsey, \$400,000 more than had been agreed upon with Pitts Enterprises.

The court refused to accept this latest offer, and agreed to the already approved agreement with Pitts. The deal is expected to be finalized this month and the Pitts firm should begin the work of getting the Dorsey Trailer plant in Elba ready for reopening shortly thereafter.

## Elba City Council says "no" to police raise

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met last Tuesday evening, May 29, in a meeting postponed from the regular Monday schedule due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The only item of business considered was the motion tabled at the previous meeting dealing with a proposed \$1.50 an hour pay raise for police officers.

The proposal died with a unanimous vote of the city council. Council members gave little official reason for the action during the meeting. However, after the meeting adjourned several members said the city budget just couldn't absorb the additional expense.

Another comment was that their research concluded additional money wouldn't solve the

police officer shortage. Cited were other Alabama cities, paying far more than Elba could afford, which were also suffering from a shortage of trained certified police officers.

## Three Enterprise men arrested after burglary in Damascus community

Three men found themselves behind bars early this week following a reported burglary in the Damascus community of Coffee County.

According to information released by Sheriff Dave Sutton, a burglary was reported Monday, June 4, at approximately 9 a.m. on Alabama Highway 87 in the Damascus community south of Elba.

When officers arrived on scene, Sheriff Sutton said an alert citizen reported to officers that a small white vehicle had been riding around in the area of the burglary. According to the sheriff, a deputy had encountered a vehicle of the same description earlier that morning at a road block on Alabama Highway 134.

A B.O.L.O was put out to all

units, and within a few minutes, Sutton said another deputy spotted the vehicle leaving a driveway on County Rd. 514, the same area where the burglary had occurred. The vehicle was pulled over by officers, and it was later determined the subjects in the vehicle were involved in four burglaries.

Arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and four counts each of burglary third degree were Douglas Mitchell Gatlin, age 18; Joe Ben Thomas, age 18; and Stephen Daniel Ramsey, age 18. All three subjects are from Enterprise.

Sheriff Sutton said all merchandise taken in the burglaries has been returned to the owners of the property.

## Officials arrest woman on sex-related charges

A Coffee County woman found herself facing various sex-related charges late last week after being arrested by officers with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

On Thursday, May 31, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department along with the Coffee County Department of Human Resources conducted an investigation which led to the arrest of Kelli Nicole Champion Hussey, age 31, of Enterprise, Ala. According to information

count of sodomy first degree, and one count of rape second degree.

Hussey is a registered sex offender with the Coffee County Sheriff's office for similar charges. She was first convicted in April 2002 on charges involving illicit relations with a minor boy.

Bond was set for \$80,000 with a \$20,000 cash bond for Hussey following last week's arrest for the current rape and sodomy charges.

Sutton said additional charges are pending and will be forthcoming.

## Area Happenings



declared the death sentence of Billy Joe Magwood unconstitutional.

Magwood was convicted and sentenced to death for the 1979 shooting death of Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham. The case was appealed countless times and was overturned recently by a federal judge who ruled Magwood was convicted under an unconstitutional death penalty.

The letter can be read in its entirety on Page 3.



Above: Immediately following the levee dedication ceremony, those in attendance were invited to witness a flood gate demonstration at the Caroline Street site in Elba. Many are shown watching and discussing the operation of the flood gate while City of Elba employees provide the demonstration. Once the flood gate was completely across Caroline Street, Elba City Clerk Wayne Grantham explained the operation and was available to answer any questions from onlookers.

Right: Elba Mayor James Grimes reacts after being surprised by a resolution read by councilman Ronnie Hammonds officially naming the walking trail atop the levee in Elba as the James E. Grimes Riverwalk Trail.



## "Art in the Park" event set for Saturday evening

by Linda Hodge, Editor

An event designed to engage the community and help local artisans show off their talents highlights the happenings for the upcoming weekend in Elba.

"Art in the Park" is an event being co-sponsored by

ArtAware (an arts-based learning campaign to help young people and adults reach their potential for self-expression, community building and leadership empowerment), the Coffee County Cooperative Extension and Covenant Community Church. The event will be held Saturday, June 9, at Tiger Town Park in downtown Elba.

Activities are set to begin around 5 p.m. and will continue until about 9 p.m.

According to Mart Gray, pastor of Covenant Community Church, "Art in the Park" is sort

of a kickoff event to highlight several arts-related activities planned for the community thanks in part to a grant received by the Coffee County Cooperative Extension through the Economic and Community Development Center at Auburn University.

Approximately \$400,000 in grant money was given to 47 different agencies with the Coffee County Cooperative Extension receiving approximately \$16,000.

Gray said the basic idea behind the whole plan is to try and figure out ways to engage the community and help the people better connect with one another, especially those who move into the area. This idea eventually led organizers to the arts.

Gray said organizers are able to take a tandem approach to

this whole idea in that they can do something arts-worthy in the community through "Art in the Park" and there is something to look forward to with the renovation of a downtown building. According to Gray, a local family has donated a building on the square in downtown Elba that will soon be renovated to be a coffeehouse/arts center. While the renovation of this building is very exciting for those involved, "Art in the Park" is the current focus of the project.

"Art in the Park" will highlight artists and singers paid for by the grant, but the event is also important because it will allow local artisans to show off their work and talents. Gray said those involved with "Art in the Park" invite everyone in the

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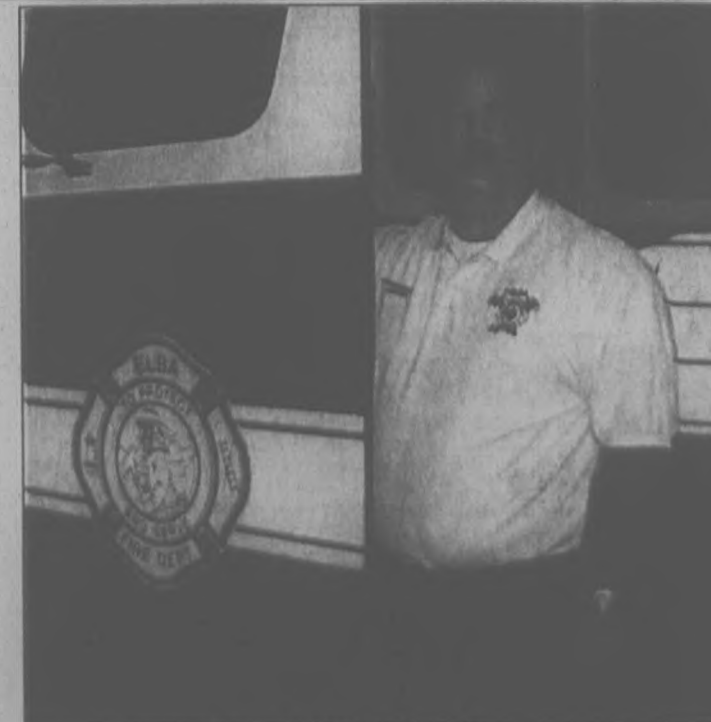
Wesley DeVane joined the Elba Volunteer Fire Department about 12 years ago. He currently serves as Senior Lieutenant for the department.

DeVane's special training includes: Firemanship I and II, Certified Volunteer Firefighter Vehicle Extrication course, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations. When asked about his decision to join the local fire department, DeVane said he did it to serve the citizens in his community.

"The mission we do as firefighters, we don't do it for the money," he said. "It's all about commitment to saving lives and property."

DeVane said his most memorable experience since joining the department was completing the 160-hour volunteer firefighter certification through the Alabama Fire College.

When asked what he enjoys most about being a member of the fire department, DeVane said, "using my training and experience to help other people in their time of need. He also



Senior Lieutenant Wesley DeVane

said, "trusting my life in the hands of other firefighters and vice versa."

Away from the fire department, Wesley is employed as

transportation supervisor for Elba City Schools. He is married to Dawn (Shaw) DeVane and enjoys NASCAR, RV camping and fishing.



## BRASS

### With Ferrin Cox

As predicted by most of those who deal with Alabama elections, the vote turn out was very, very low late into the day Tuesday and the end results were expected to remain low at the 7 p.m. closing time. Many people were still not aware an election was scheduled and others had no idea what was on the ballot, and/or what the two constitutional amendments were about. Frankly, if a person doesn't know what something is about, they shouldn't vote. . . . those of us who try to know make enough mistakes!

It was positive news Tuesday when Mayor James Grimes called from Montgomery and said the federal judge had just awarded Pitts Trailers the right to purchase Dorsey Trailers. Grimes was obviously both relieved and excited that finally things are moving in the right direction to get the trailer facility back into production and manufacturing noises coming from the now quiet plant. Personally we think a stable Dorsey Trailers will do more from the positive outlook of Elba than most anything that could happen. Regardless of how many people the firm is working daily, the fact that there is still a Dorsey Trailers in Elba will rebuild confidence in the local economy.

Today (Thursday) Alabama lawmakers will complete the 2007 regular session of the Alabama Legislature. Members are expecting the session to end quietly, as the budgets have already passed and there is little chance of a controversial bill getting much, if any, play on this final day. It is dangerous to predict anything when politics are involved, but as of this writing there is little talk of a special session any time soon, if at all for the remainder of this year.

Last Friday at the dedication of the Elba levee, Congressman Terry Everett closed his comments with something he uses often. A long time, strong supporter of America's military, Everett added something which should hit home with every . . . yes every . . . American. He noted the hundreds of U.S. citizens killed in bombings even before 9-11 and predicted it would have just gotten worse after 9-11 if the U.S. continued to ignore, or pay lip service to, the bombings. Anyway, the congressman said something to the effect that even if a person opposes the war, he or she should support the American troops who are fighting and dying over there so we can be safer here at home.

Attorney General Troy King has a Letter to the Editor in this issue of The Elba Clipper. It is announcing, in his words, plans to appeal the court ruling which overturned the death sentence of Billy Joe Magwood for the shooting death of Sheriff Neil Grantham in 1979. We think there is something wrong in the court system when any case continues to drag on for almost 30 years. Whatever one thinks about the death penalty, this is a prime example of abuse of the system. As long as the death sentence is part of our system of laws, it is wrong to both society and to the person on death row to allow something to hang loose for such a long time. That doesn't even take into account the many taxpayer dollars being spent on the case.

Marion Brunson died Sunday and was buried Tuesday afternoon in his beloved Elba. He was one of an unusually large number of local citizens who died this week. Brunson, educator, Probate Judge, book author, local historian . . . place the hat you think best fits the man with ease and with shining credentials.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 28, 2007, investigated the following incidents: n/a

The following arrests were made: one for contempt of court, one for public intoxication, one for disorderly conduct, one for menacing and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for speeding, four for not wearing a seat belt, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for driving without headlights, one for no insurance, one for no proof of insurance, one for violation of the noise ordinance and one one no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, MAY 28** - Wreck reported at the bypass and Hickman Ave. (12:24 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 915 Simmons St. (5:23 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson Ave. (6:21 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1229 Martin Luther King Dr. (6:46 p.m.); Report of shots fired in the area of Lee St. (9:39 p.m.); Report of a fight in progress on W. Davis St. (10:25 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, MAY 29** - Burglary reported at 745 Claxton Ave. (7:32 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 30** - Report of gun shots in the area of Elba Villas (9:26 p.m.); Disturbance (crowd) reported in the Elba Villas parking lot (10:31 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, MAY 31** - Domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (2:16 a.m.); Wreck reported on E. Davis St. (9:48 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a grass fire on County Rd. 427 (12:27 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 121 Lindsey St. (4:37 p.m.); Report of a gun possibly being discharged at Elba Villas (11:04 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, JUNE 1** - Disturbance (noise) reported at Elba Villas (2:48 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2490 Hwy. 134 (5:54 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Whitman Apts. (5:18 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 4269 County Rd. 305 (8:28 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2** - Disturbance (noise) reported at Elba Villas (2:34 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in Fred's park-

## EDITORIAL



### Coffee County Republican Women to meet

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/luncheon on June 20th, 11AM to 1PM Social/Luncheon/Program at Po-Folks in Enterprise. This month's program will feature Elois Zeaiah, VP of Alabama Federation of Republican Women. She will discuss illegal immigration and Anchor Babies and the effect on Alabama. Call Jan White for reservations and info, 348-2451.

**THE ELBA DIXIE DARLING RED HATTER's** met at the Castle in Daleville on April 25th to celebrate the National Birthday for the Red Hat Club. The club had its start in California.

The ladies present for the celebration were: Madilyn Adkinson, Linda Rushing, Erna Lynch, Mary Sue Kelley, Betty Young, Becky Coppage, Christine Bowden, Syble Wise, Sherry Church, Francis Jacobs, Ann Crowley, and Betty Rushing, who is Queen Mother of the Dixie Darlings.

## ART

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community to participate in the event. He said it certainly is not for just one group. It is an event for everyone that will hopefully have something that interests any and all.

There has not been a major event held at Tiger Town Park since build week last September, and he said "Art in the Park" is a perfect event for the next major happening. He said it is a way of reminding the people of the community of the work they did together last year to build the playground while at the same time reminding them there is still work to be done.

Gray said he hopes the people of the community catch the vision of this arts-worthy project during Saturday's "Art in the Park" and decide they want to do more. It also will be the perfect opportunity to see the talent of local people as nearly 30 different citizens are scheduled to be there showing off their artistic talents beginning at 5 p.m.

"We're excited the local artists have been so energized and willing to participate," Gray

said in regards to Saturday evening's event. "This is a good opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the work we did last year and see the creativity of our local people."

Throughout this entire week, artists-in-residence Bethany Collins and Elliot Knight have been in Elba capture video and still photography of Elba while also listening to stories behind the city and it's people. They will take this experience and create chalk mural during "Art in the Park." The chalk mural will revolve around the things Collins and Knight learn of Elba during their week-long stay.

While the chalk mural will not be permanent, the hope is that it also will create interest in doing something of a more permanent nature in the future.

Other events planned for Art in the Park include a sack supper provided at 7 p.m. followed by a concert at 7:30 p.m. featuring Nashville artists Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart.

"All activities for "Art in the Park" are free and open to the public.

"We hope this event will allow everyone to enjoy each others fellowship while having a big time," said Gray.

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## Obituaries

### CURBIE J. BELL

Mr. Curbie J. Bell, age 98, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the Elba Nursing Home.

Graveside services were held June 1, 2007 at Evergreen Cemetery with Reverend Alfred Kaser officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Bell was preceded in death by his wife, Susan Bell, along with a grandson, Andy Bullard.

Survivors include his son: Gene (wife Pauline) Bell, Troy, Ala.; his daughter: Anne (husband Bill) Bullard, Elba; one granddaughter: Lisa (husband Ronald) Boutwell, Elba; and a great-grandson: Lee Boutwell, Elba.

### EDITH INEARL SHERRER

Mrs. Edith Inearl Sherrer, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held June 4, 2007 at Westside Baptist Church with Rev. Ken Harrison officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens

with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mrs. Sherrer was preceded in death by her parents, Essie Alveta Stanton Smith and Pless James Smith, along with a son, Randolph Sherrer, and a sister, Burnice Hancock.

Survivors include her husband: Howard Cleo Sherrer, Elba; two daughters: Barbara Adkinson, Samson, Ala.; Janice (husband Mike) Moore, Enterprise, Ala.; two grandsons: Darron Adkinson and Mark Adkinson, Samson; one granddaughter: Kellie Moore, Enterprise; three sisters: Gladys Sherrer, Schaumburg, Ill.; Verlene Barr, Arlington Heights, Ill.; Carolyn Morehead, Sarasota, Fla.; three brothers: Pless Junior Smith, Chicago, Ill.; James Harold Smith, Skokie, Ill.; and Kermit Wayne Smith, Opp, Ala.

### STELLA KATE BROWN

Mrs. Stella Kate Brown of Enterprise, AL died Tuesday, May 29, 2007 in Enterprise. She was 99.

Funeral services were Friday, June 1 from the Pleasant Ridge United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Price, Sister

Celeste and Brother Mike Hebert officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Paschal Brown; a daughter, Ardith Cain; granddaughter, Marilyn Cain Hundley; several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Arlan Brown (wife Sylvia), Elba, AL; Byron Brown (wife Dianna), Anderson, S.C.; one daughter, Mary Pat Bias (husband James E.), Enterprise, Ala.; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

### WILLIAM JOSEPH (JOE BILL) SMITH

Mr. William Joseph (Joe Bill) Smith, age 90, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, May 30, 2007, at the Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Winston Jay officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Mr. Smith was preceded in

death by his parents, Bessie Jewel Mayberry Smith and Oswald Cole Smith, along with a wife, Idell Smith; daughter, Margaret Morrow; and a son, Billy Ray Smith.

Survivors include two daughters: Janice Pearl (husband Mance) Morrow, Elba; JoAnn (husband Robert) Carlisle, Elba; one sister: Ida Liles, Brewton, Ala.; one brother: Amos N. (Pete) Smith, Elba; two granddaughters: Jamie Smith and Tammy Marler, both of Jack, Ala.; one grandson: William Morrow, Elba; four grandsons: Tray Marler, Elba, Caleb Marler, Jack; two great-granddaughters: Brianna Marler, Jack, Jordan Morrow, Elba.

### MARION BAILEY BRUNSON SR.

Mr. Marion Bailey Brunson Sr., age 75, died Sunday, June 3, 2007, at his residence in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services were held at the Elba United Methodist Church on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, with Rev. Stanley Carter officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Pike County, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 6, from 6-8 p.m.

Survivors include her husband: Claudia Anderson Slawson, Elba; three daughters: Virginia Mae Berry Simmons, Enterprise, Ala.; Annie Jo Boswell, Elba, and Carolyn Francis Fairch Crumpler, Troy, Ala.

### JAMES LARRY DEBICE

Mr. James Larry DeBice, age 59, of Jack, Ala., died Monday, June 4, 2007, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, June 7, 2007, beginning at 2 p.m. with Rev. Kenneth Hagler. Burial will follow in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 6, from 6-8 p.m.

Survivors include his wife: Jennie Pamela Rushing DeBice, Jack; daughter: Debra Ann DeBice Leger, Jack; grandson: Michael Christopher Leger, Jack; two sisters: Sara Lee Hedden, Miami, Fla., and Lonita Ann Sawyer, Brundidge, Ala.

### SONNIE LOVE HOLLAND

Mr. Sonnie Love Holland, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, June 3, 2007, at the Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 6, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Mack King officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Holland was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice Holland.

Survivors include his wife: Margaret "Evonne" Jones has been in Flower's Hospital Dothan SICU since March 24, 2007. She has had a long illness and is still having problems. It will be a long road to recovery. He has been very patient and is at the hospital with her. They have two children, Meagan and Kenny.

Their income is limited due to this illness and they would really appreciate anything that you could do to help. If you would like to make a donation a benefit fund has been set up at The Peoples Bank of Coffee County (any location) or at IAM Credit Union (Enterprise or Daleville). Please tell them that it is for the benefit of Margaret "Evonne" Jones.

Thank you in advance for your caring and help. God bless you.

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Sister of Margaret "Evonne" Jones

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Survivors include his wife: Nancy Elizabeth Cowart Brunson, Elba; two sons: Marion Bailey (wife Arleen) Brunson Jr., Brent, Ala.; Charles Matthew (wife Stephanie) Brunson, Elba; four grandsons: Matthew Brunson, Troy Brunson, Fox Brunson and Jake Brunson; two granddaughters: Mary Brunson and Rachel Brunson.

### ANNIE LAURA (MATTHEWS) SLAWSON

Mrs. Annie Laura (Matthews) Slawson, age 80, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, June 3, 2007, at Long Term Care Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 7, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel at 10 a.m. with Reverend Talmadge Buller officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, Pike County, Ala., with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 6, from 6-8 p.m.

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Sister of Margaret "Evonne" Jones

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### JAMES GARDNER CLARK JR.

Mr. James Gardner Clark Jr., age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, June 4, 2007, at Elba Nursing Home in Elba.

Mr. Clark is a former Sheriff of Dallas County, Alabama, serving from 1955 - 1966.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, June 8, at 11 a.m. with Minister Philip Box officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Friday, June 8, from 10-11 a.m. The Clark family is accepting flowers or contributions may be made to Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323.

Mr. Clark was preceded in death by his parents, James Gardner Clark Sr. and Etie Lee Clark; son, Stephen Lee Clark; daughter, Lillian Lee Clark; and three great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters: Joanna Clark (husband Edward) Miller, Selma, Ala.; Jan Clark (husband Robert) Auster, Birmingham, Ala.; three sons: Jimmy (wife Marie) Clark, Grove Hill, Ala.; Jeff Clark, Laverne, Ala.; Johnny (wife Pam) Clark, Quitman, Ga.; a sister, Nell Haise, San Antonio, Texas; a brother: Charles (wife Merrill) Clark, Birmingham; five granddaughters: Jennifer Clark, Amy (husband Steve) Young, Catherine (husband Adam) Ray, Libby (husband Josh) Moody, and Mallory Miller; six grandsons: Michael (wife Aletha) Clark, Matthew Clark, Jamie Clark, Scott (wife Summer) Clark, John Miller and Andy Frith. Mr. Clark is also survived by his former wife, Louise Clark, Selma.

### RONALD A. MARTIN ADDENDUM

On March 15, 2007 an obituary was published following the death of Mr. Ronald A. Martin. The family recently requested the addition of two sisters-in-law who were not named in the original death notice. They are Kathleen Blair (husband Freddie) Owens and Linda Blair Forward.

Survivors include his wife: Jennie Pamela Rushing DeBice, Jack; daughter: Debra Ann DeBice Leger, Jack; grandson: Michael Christopher Leger, Jack; two sisters: Sara Lee Hedden, Miami, Fla., and Lonita Ann Sawyer, Brundidge, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 6, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Mack King officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Holland was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice Holland.

Survivors include his wife: Margaret "Evonne" Jones has been in Flower's Hospital Dothan SICU since March 24, 2007. She has had a long illness and is still having problems. It will be a long road to recovery. He has been very patient and is at the hospital with her. They have two children, Meagan and Kenny.

### SONNIE LOVE HOLLAND

Mr. Sonnie Love Holland, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, June 3, 2007, at the Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 6, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Mack King officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Holland was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice Holland.

Survivors include his wife: Margaret "Evonne" Jones has been in Flower's Hospital Dothan SICU since March 24, 2007. She has had a long illness and is still having problems. It will be a long road to recovery. He has been very patient and is at the hospital with her. They have two children, Meagan and Kenny.

Their income is limited due to this illness and they would really appreciate anything that you could do to help. If you would like to make a donation a benefit fund has been set up at The Peoples Bank of Coffee County (any location) or at IAM Credit Union (Enterprise or Daleville). Please tell them that it is for the benefit of Margaret "Evonne" Jones.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Sparks presents results of fish testing

Commissioner Ron Sparks held a press conference today to reveal the results of tests conducted on samples of imported fish from Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Thailand, and Vietnam. The samples were obtained from nine different food storage warehouses between February 13, 2007 and March 29, 2007. The two types of fish that were tested include catfish from China and a farm raised basa type fish from Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia. Based on the results of analysis from thirty-three fish samples, Sparks has issued an automatic Stop Sale order for all catfish from China. Additional testing will be required for the farm raised basa type fish products from Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia.

Twenty samples of catfish from China were collected for analysis. Of those twenty, fourteen tested positive for fluoroquinolones, an antibiotic banned for use in the United States by the FDA. The samples found in violation represent approximately 214,260 pounds of catfish and there are approximately 300,000 additional pounds of product suspended pending analysis.

Thirteen samples of basa type fish products from Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia were tested. Five of these samples tested positive for fluoroquinolones. The five samples that tested positive were from Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia.

All samples tested negative for malachite green.

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, Alabama, is holding a public auction of real estate located in Coffee County, Alabama. The auction will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Peoples Bank of Coffee County, 348 Simmons Street, Elba, AL 36323. (334) 897-6161

Mark Baker, Morris, Schneider & Prior, L.L.C., 1587 Northeast Expressway, Atlanta, GA 30329, (770) 234-9181, MSP, No. 393.0710534ALWCC, File No. 05/24/2007, 05/31/2007 and 06/07/2007

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 5-24-31, 6-7-chg

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**  
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COUNTY OF COFFEE  
WHEREAS, on March 25, 2005 and January 30, 2007, Tasha Michelle Chandler and Jeremy Keith Chandler, did execute and deliver to The Peoples Bank of Coffee County, a bank institution, mortgages on certain real estate hereinafter described, which mortgages appear of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Elba Division, Alabama at Pages 526-530, and Official Records Book 100A, at Pages 861-865.

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said Mortgage as provided herein, which default continues at this date, and said Mortgage is subject to foreclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, three weeks notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the courthouse doors, main entrance, in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on June 20, 2007, the real estate being more particularly described as lying and being situated in Coffee County, State of Alabama, to-wit:

PARCEL ONE: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 5, Range 19, and running East along the one quarter section line a distance of 552 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 150 feet, more or less, to the Old Curtis Road; thence in an Easterly direction along the said Old Curtis Road for 100 feet to a point; thence South about 190 feet, more or less, to the point of one quarter section line; thence South about 190 feet, more or less, to the point on the one quarter section line that runs West along the said one quarter section line 100 feet, more or less, to the point of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, T5, R19.

PARCEL TWO: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 5, Range 19, and running East along the one quarter section line a distance of 552 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 150 feet, more or less, to the Old Curtis Road; thence in an Easterly direction along the said Old Curtis Road for 100 feet to a point; thence South about 190 feet, more or less, to the point of one quarter section line; thence South about 190 feet, more or less, to the point on the one quarter section line that runs West along the said one quarter section line 100 feet, more or less, to the point of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, T5, R19.

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First Story Telling event held in New Brockton enjoyed by all

Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Coffee County office and the Coffee County Storytelling Committee sponsored Coffee County's first Storytelling event on Monday, April 30, 2007 at the community room in New Brockton.



4-H member - Megan Matthews



# SPORTS

Views From....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

My baby girl graduated from Elba High School last week, and while it was easy to see the excitement on her face before and after the graduation ceremony, that smile has yet to leave as her friends and friends of the family have been gracious enough to remember her with graduation presents. Melanie has always been blessed with lots of friends, and the gifts have made her realize just how truly blessed she really is.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* For the first time in years it looks like Elba will get shut-out from hosting All-Star tournaments in baseball and softball. The tournaments run in cycles and are based upon a rotating schedule, and this summer the teams from our leagues will have to put on their traveling shoes as they attempt to advance to district and state competition. In Baseball, the All-Stars will travel to Troy, Brantley, Geneva and Opp, which really isn't all that bad, while in softball the All-Stars will compete in Brantley, Straughn, and two sites yet to be named. It is a special time for the players and coaches of the All-Stars teams, and I hope all Elba fans make plans to travel and support the teams as they compete in tournament play.

\*\*\* Troy University was the only college team from the state to make it to the NCAA Regional Tournament, and while the Trojans can brag about that fact, there was little else they could find to brag about after being eliminated in two games. Troy got pounded by Southern Miss 14-1 in the opener, and never really got anything going as it fell to Sam Houston State 5-4 in an elimination event. Troy has one of the top college baseball programs in the state and has proven it can compete against most teams in the nation. Now it will have to get back to work and try to make it back next season to prove it really belongs in post-season play.

\*\*\* The high school coaching merry-go-round was active this spring in the Coffee County system as three new head coaches were named. At Kinston, girls basketball coach Stan Dean was named the Bulldogs' head football coach, while Scott Sansom was named as the new head basketball coach. Coach Dean has been a part of the Bulldogs' football program for the past two seasons and should be familiar with the players and their abilities, while Coach Sansom played on a state championship team at Kinston years ago and after one year as the Bulldogs' JV coach should be determined to return the Bulldogs to the top of the IA ranks. Over at Zion Chapel, Allen Maness was named as the Rebels' new head basketball coach. Coach Maness will inherit a team that hasn't won a game in over two years, but should bring a new attitude and excitement to the program that can do nothing but aim it in a new direction.

\*\*\* In closing... the newest game in town this summer is adult soccer, which is played every weekend at Miller Memorial Stadium. Teams from across South Alabama come together to compete at the stadium, and from what I have heard the games are fun to watch. There is no admission charge at the games. So, why not go out and watch the action and see what soccer is really all about. Oh yes, you don't have to speak Spanish to understand what is going on.

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## Elba baseball and softball all-star teams will hit the highways in coming weeks

The regular seasons are beginning to wind down in the youth baseball and softball leagues, and that can mean only one thing - "All-Star" time is near!

In baseball, Elba will enter All-Star teams in Dixie Minor (9-10), Dixie Youth (11-12), Dixie Boys (13), Dixie Boys (14), Dixie Pre-Majors (15-16) and Dixie Majors (15-18).

In Dixie Minor action, the Elba All-Stars will travel to Troy to compete in the Sub-District 3 tournament. The tournament will begin on Friday, June 22, and teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Enterprise Nationals, New Brockton, Troy Americans and Zion Chapel. The top two teams from the tournament will advance to the District tournament, to be held in Luverne.

In Dixie Youth action, the

Elba All-Stars will travel to Brantley to compete in the Sub-District 1 tournament. The tournament will begin on Friday, June 15, and teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Andalusia, Brantley, Covington County, Greenville, Luverne and Opp. The top two teams will advance to the District tournament, to be held at New Brockton.

The Dixie Boys All-Star teams in both age groups will travel to Geneva to compete in the Sub-District 1 tournament. The tournament will begin on Friday, June 22, and teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Andalusia, Brantley, Covington County, Greenville, Luverne and Opp. The winning team will advance to the District tournament, to be held on June 29.

In softball, Elba will enter teams in Dixie Angels (9-10), Dixie Ponytails (11-12), Dixie Belles (13-15) and Dixie Debs (16-18).

In Dixie Angels action, the Elba All-Stars will travel to

Brantley to compete in the Sub-District 1 tournament. The tournament will begin on Friday, June 15, and teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Andalusia, Brantley, Covington County, Greenville, Luverne and Opp. The top two teams will advance to the District tournament, to be held at New Brockton.

In Dixie Ponytails action, the Elba All-Stars will travel to Straughn to compete in the Sub-District 1 tournament. The tournament will begin on Friday, June 22, and teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Andalusia, Brantley, Covington County, Greenville, Luverne and Opp. The winning team will advance to the District tournament, to be held on June 29.

In Dixie Belles action, the Elba All-Stars will compete in

the Sub-District 1 tournament, at a site yet to be determined. The tournament will begin on Friday, June 22, and teams in the double-elimination event will include Elba, Andalusia, Brantley, Covington County, Greenville, Luverne and Opp. The top two teams will advance to the District tournament, to be held on June 29.

In Dixie Debs action, the Elba All-Stars will compete in the District Tournament, set to begin on June 29, at a site yet to be determined.

The rosters for the Elba All-Star teams will be announced next week in all leagues.

## \*Dixie Minor Baseball\* \*Dixie Youth Baseball\* \*Dixie Boys Baseball\* Dixie Belles Softball\* SCHEDULES

### \*\*\* BASEBALL \*\*\*

#### Dixie Youth Baseball

Thursday, June 7

In Elba,

6:00 - Elba Braves vs. Elba Pirates

7:30 - Elba Dodgers vs. Elba Sox

In Brantley,

6:00 - Brantley Gray vs. Brantley Green

7:30 - Brantley Gray vs. Brantley Green

In Kinston,

6:00 - Kinston Blue vs. Kinston Orange

Friday, June 8

In New Brockton,

6:00 - NB White vs. NB Red

7:30 - NB Black vs. NB Red

In Samson,

6:00 - Samson vs. Kinston Blue

7:30 - Samson vs. Kinston

Monday, June 11

In Kinston,

6:00 - Kinston Orange vs. Elba Pirates

7:30 - Kinston vs. Elba Sox

Dixie Boys Baseball

Thursday, June 7

In Elba,

6:00 - New Brockton vs. CC

Cougars

8:00 - Elba vs. Zion Chapel

Friday, May 8

In Brantley,

6:00 - Brantley Black vs. Elba

8:00 - Brantley White vs. New Brockton

Tuesday, June 12

In Elba,

6:00 - Zion Chapel vs. CC

Cougars

8:00 - Elba vs. New Brockton

\*\*\* SOFTBALL \*\*\*

Dixie Belles Softball

Thursday, June 7

In Elba,

6:00 - Elba vs. Zion Chapel

7:30 - Elba vs. Total Chaos

Tuesday, June 12

In Samson,

6:00 - Samson vs. Total Chaos

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In Zion Chapel,

6:00 - Zion Chapel vs. Elba

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# SPORTS

Let's Go...

## Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Cut bait puts fish  
in the live well

Everyone who has ever been saltwater fishing has probably used cut bait. Cut bait is simply cutting up a whole fish, squid or whatever into pieces rather than using the whole fish.

Cut bait is used primarily for bottom fishing in salt water. Many large fish, both saltwater and fresh water species prowl the bottom picking up dead baitfish. The number of saltwater species that can be caught on cut bait is too numerous to mention. In fresh water more catfish are caught with cut bait, but large strippers and hybrids will readily accept cut bait.

A few years ago I stopped at a public launch on the Coosa River just as an elderly fisherman was tying his boat down. I casually walked over to make conversation and was astonished at the pile of catfish in the bottom of his boat. Several were in the twenty-pound plus range. The first time I asked him what kind of bait he was using he just changed the subject and didn't answer. After talking for a while I ask him again. He paused and said, "You live around here, sonny?" "No sir" I answered, "I'm from south Alabama." "OK, since you ain't from round here, I'll tell you-it's cut bait."

After quizzing the gentlemen, he told me he had tried all the commercial cheese and blood baits with some success, but he never fished exclusively with cut bait year round. "There is just something about the natural juices that come from cut up fish that attract the fish that eat them," he said.

He said he sometimes froze cut bait in order to have bait when he had a hard time finding fresh threadfin or gizzard shad, but given a choice he had much rather have fresh baitfish to cut up. "The fresher the better, I like to catch my baitfish and immediately go bait up my bush hooks and trotlines. If I am having an easy time finding bait, I won't bait with fish I caught this morning in the afternoon. I go and catch some more fresh bait," he said.

My newfound friend said he caught a lot of big catfish using only the head of a baitfish. He also scaled and filleted what was left. He also makes shallow cuts on the scale side to release more odors to attract feeding fish.

Cut bait is good bait anywhere bottom feeders swim, but it can be exceptionally good bait when fishing below dams. Turbines chop up baitfish by the thousands. Fishermen waiting below the dam and fishing with cut bait usually do well when they turn the turbines on. In a pinch cut bait can even be used for panfish. I ran out of worms on a bluegill bed once. I filleted a blue gill into thin strips, baited and jiggled the pole. They didn't bite as fast, but we filled our limit with our improvised bait.

## 23rd annual Fishing Derby set for June 9 at Andalusia

The 23rd Annual Kiwanis Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, June 9, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 (rain or shine). The derby will be held at the USDA Center located right in front of the Covington County Arena on the Southern By-Pass (Hwy 55 South) in

Andalusia. There will be free hot dogs, cokes and door prizes as well as casting contests for ages 10-12 and 13-15. The event is sponsored by the Andalusia Kiwanis Club, National Forest Service and Alabama Game and Fish.

## EOCC to host "Next Level" basketball camp June 25-28

Ray Lolley Gymnasium on the Enterprise-Ozark Community College campus will be the setting for the Second Annual "Next Level" Basketball Camp June 25-28, said EOCC coach John Ayers.

"The camp is for players ages 12 and up," Ayers said. "George Scott and EOCC players, both men and women, will join me as instructors."

Camp times are 1:30-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday. "This camp is for those players who are hopeful of taking their game to the next level,"

whatever that level may be," Ayers said. "Whether it's to make a team, get more playing time on the existing team they're on or if it's to learn to play better, this camp is for them."

Cost of the camp is \$65 per camper.

"For their money, campers get a Nike t-shirt, a Nike basketball, a Nike basketball poster, and a water bottle," Ayers concluded.

"Anyone wishing to register for the camp can call me at 324-347-2623 extension 2303.

## Elba city pool now open six days a week for months of June & July

The Elba City Pool, located at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba is now open for the summer. The pool will be open from 12 (noon) until 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday, and from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission will be \$2 for children ages 12 and under and \$3 for all over the age of 12. All swimmers are required to wear swimming suits. No cut off jeans, shorts or other pants may be worn, as well as t-shirts. Red Cross certified lifeguards will be on duty at all times, and

the pool will be under the management of the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation.

Soft drinks and food are permitted inside the gates at the pool. However, all coolers will be inspected, and trash should be placed in marked containers. The pool is also open from 6-8 p.m. daily for private parties at a cost of \$75. The pool rules are in effect for all parties.

For more information call the Elba Dept. of Parks and Recreation 897-6833 or the city pool 897-0555.

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JERRY PARKER continued to enjoy his fishing trips by pulling in these three large bass. The largest weighed in at 10 3/4 pounds.

## Second annual alligator hunting season to add two dates and two hunt locations

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) announced today that Alabama's second regulated alligator hunting season will expand to include more dates and two hunt locations.

"Last year's first-ever regulated alligator hunt in Alabama was a tremendous success," said Commissioner M. Barnett Lawley. "By allowing hunters to hunt in two areas of the state this year and on more dates, we hope that even more alligators will be taken."

Forty-six hunters participated in the 2006 hunt. The 40 harvested alligators from that hunt ranged in size and weight from 7'7" to 12'4" in length and from 77 to 461 pounds at weigh-in. Hunters traveled from all over the state to participate.

Hunters will be randomly chosen by computer to receive one

Alligator Possession Tag. Applications will be accepted online at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com). The cost is \$6 to apply and individuals may register multiple times. Only Alabama residents age 16 years or older may apply for an Alligator Possession Tag. Permits are non-transferable. Selected hunters and their assistants are required to have in their possession a valid 2007-08 hunting license. Each selected hunter is required to complete the Alligator Training Course provided by Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division personnel. Each person receiving an Alligator Possession Tag will be allowed to harvest one alligator six feet in length or longer. Hunting hours will be from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. each day. All Alabama hunting and boating regulations must be followed.

## 2007 ALLIGATOR HUNT SCHEDULE

Location	Online Registration	Registration Ends	Drawing/Notification	# Hunters/Alternates	Hunter Training Dates
DELTA	6/1-7/16	7/16 @ 8 a.m.	7/16-7/20	100/100	8/17-8/20 & 8/24-8/27
EUFAULA	6/1-7/16	7/16 @ 8 a.m.	7/16-7/20	40/40	8/11
					8/23-8/26

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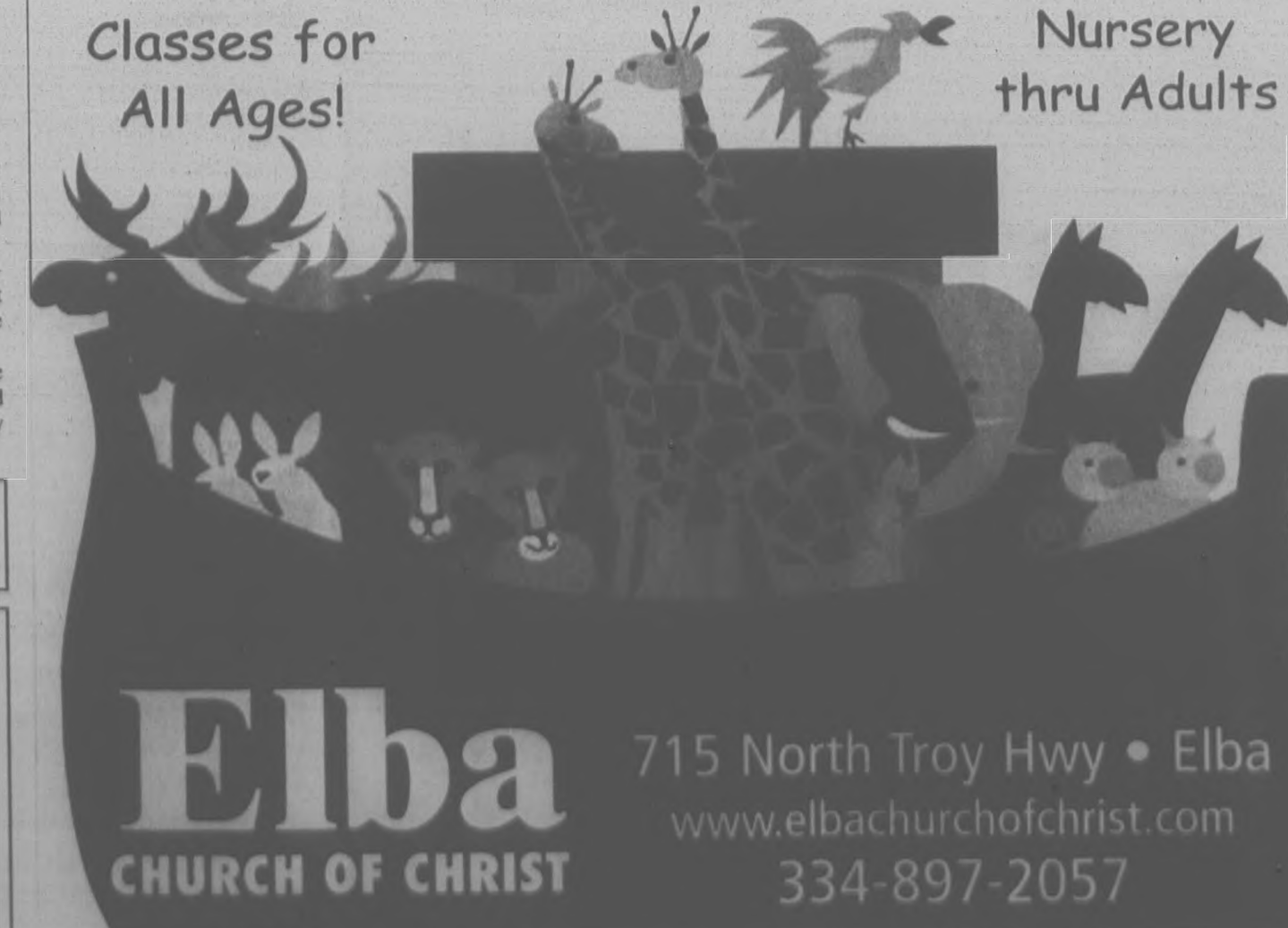
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# SCHOOLS

## Honors Day program held for grades 7-11 at Elba High School

by Erica Daniels

On Thursday, May 24, Elba High School held the seventh through eleventh grade Honor's Day Program at 1:30 p.m. in the EHS auditorium.

Students were recognized for their outstanding achievements. The awards ceremony lasted for over an hour as each honored student was highlighted.

The recognized honors included:

**Student Council Officers:**  
President- Ashton Rodriguez;  
Vice-President- Meredith Brunson;  
Secretary- Lindsay McClung;  
Historian-April Finedore

**Senior Beta Club Officers:**  
President- Trey Martin; Vice-President- Ashley Carpenter;  
Secretary- Brittany Phillips;  
Treasurer- Cordell Hooks;  
Historians- Yoesha Terry and Meredith Brunson; Homecoming Chairperson- Maisie Thomas

**Math Tournament Teams:**  
Justin McCloughlin, Lindsay McClung, Janae Camley, Kayla Rials, Bethany Wilson, Edward Bobbitt, Dylan McCollough, David Maddaloni, Jason Mitchell, Cortlin Lee, Ashley Bailey, April Finedore, Keyawne Gavin, Linsey Camley, Kendall Cole, Kayla Parks, Kristin Kelley, Chastity Slenker, Jordan McBride, Richreana Singletary, Kim Blue, Griffin Cash, Andrew Head, Shelby Adcock, Shanika Pruitt, and Robyn Hudson

**Electric Cooperative Youth Program:**  
Top Ten- Ashton Rodriguez, Don Rhoades, Trey Martin, Bobby Hudson, Ashley Carpenter, Tatiana Parker, Shamba Jones, Kandace Smith, Yoesha Terry, and Gucci Hudson; Top Five- Don Rhoades, Ashton Rodriguez, Kandace Smith, Tatiana Parker, Ashley Carpenter; Runner Up- Ashley Carpenter; Winner- Tatiana Parker

**"To Kill a Mockingbird"**  
Essays: Brittany Phillips  
**Farm City Essay:** County Winners- 1st Runner Up- Tierney Starks; 2nd Runner Up- Yoesha Terry

**MLK "Colors of the Dream"**

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Class of 2007 graduates from Elba High School

by Yoesha Terry

On Tuesday, May 29, the Class of 2007 celebrated graduation at Tiger stadium in Elba. The graduation ceremony started at 7:30 p.m. The Class of 2007 had 27 honor graduates out of a class of 63.

The graduation started with a prayer from Brianna Bailey, and the welcome from Antwon Tillis following. After the welcome each honor graduate stood for recognition. The Salutatorian

address came from Lauren McClung, and the Valedictorian address from Mary Catherine Cash.

Elba High School says farewell to three longtime educators

by Lauren McClung

Three faces will no longer be seen at Elba High School after this year.

Mr. Johnny Dunn, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, and Mrs. Amelia Rhoades will be retiring this year, and they will be sorely missed around the school.

Mr. Dunn attended Pike County High School for his high school education. His formal education includes attending Southern Union College in Wodley, Ala., and Troy State University. While attending each university, he was a member of the baseball teams.

Mrs. Calhoun began teaching in 1971 right here at Elba High School. She has been here for 36 years.

Mrs. Calhoun where she has worked in the library and taught related skills, as well as basic broadcast skills for the school's television shows over the years.

Mrs. Rhoades most enjoyable memory of EHS is working with many talented students and dedicated faculty. She will miss working with young people after she leaves.

Mrs. Rhoades graduated from Kinston High School, Enterprise-Ozark Community

College and Troy University. She began teaching in 1969 at Kinston High School, where she was employed until 2000.

Mrs. Rhoades has taught here at Elba High School ever since.

Mrs. Rhoades most enjoyed the cordial welcome she received from the students, faculty, staff, and community when she made the move to Elba. Mrs. Rhoades will miss coaching volleyball and softball because of her involvement in these programs since 1972. She will also miss her new circle of friends and students.

Mrs. Rhoades was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2005, the Wiregrass Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. She was the state volleyball Coach of the Year in 1997. She was named EOCC Alumna of the year in 2006. She is also a member of Alpha Delta Kappa.

As the school year comes to an end, it is time for Elba High School's Student Council to appoint new officers.

Since all four officers ran unopposed, there were no elections held. On Thursday, May 24, the new Student Council officers were formally inducted into office.

The officers were inducted during a candle-lighting ceremony. The 2007-2008 officers are: Ashton Rodriguez, president; Meredith Brunson, vice president; Lindsay McClung, secretary; and April Finedore, historian.



2007-2008 JV CHEERLEADERS

(by Brittany Phillips)...

The EHS J.V. Cheerleaders for the 2007-2008 school year are as follows:

Tamera Burks, Lindsey Camley, Selina Dodd, Cortnee Dirgers, Aaliyah Horstead, Molly McGuire, Bethany Wilson, Karizmah Yelverton, Brinley Williams (not pictured), and Megan Concanon (not pictured).

Baccalaureate service honors seniors

On Sunday, May 27, the Class of 2007 was honored during the baccalaureate services held at 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God.

The seniors marched in to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance." The service was opened by Shai Yelverton, who led the congregation in the School Prayer.

Reverend W.L. Peterson welcomed the large crowd. The service was followed by a scripture, read by Galen McWaters.

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M-F 7:10 & 9:10 S&S 2:00, 7:10 & 9:10

II. "KNOCKED UP" (R)

M-F 7:10 & 9:10 S&S 2:00, 7:10 & 9:10

III. "PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END" (PG-13)

M-F 7:10 S&S 2:00 & 7:30

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Taylor Creel, Selinda Dodd,

Cortnee Dirgers, Aaliyah

Horstead, Molly McGuire, Kayla

Rials, Bethany Wilson, and

Karizmah Yelverton

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Yoesha Terry, Kayla Miller,

Brittany Holley

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**A/B Honor Roll:** 7th Grade-

Tyler Anderson, Sara Bane,

Tiffany Bradshaw, Juanita

Brown, Tamera Burks, Thomas

Cole, Elisa Dewberry, Selina

Dodd, Kei'Auna Edwards, Seth

Hanchey, Cordeshia Hooks, Sage

Kelley, Kayla Lewis, Chace

Sauls, J'Quenten Truitt, Brooke

Weeks, Kiara White, Karizmah

Yelverton, 8th Grade- Lindsey

Camley, Kendall Cole, Gage

Craig, Keyawne Gavin, Kristin

Kelley, Kendra Siler, Brittany

Gilbert, Molly McGuire, Kayla

Parks, Lindsey Smith, Chastity

Slenker, 9th Grade- Taylor Creel,

JoJo McBride, Lindsay McClung,

Emily Miller, Denzel Neal, Kyle

Pope, 10th Grade- Megan

Anderson, Trey Belcher,

Meredith Brunson, Kelly Corder,

Lanchessia Cross, Brittany

Davis, Cynricka Deau, Dustin

Dorsey, Kelly Miller, Shanika

Pruitt, Megan Sullivan, Maisie

Thomas, Bradley Wilson, Aerial

Hall, 11th Grade- Caleb Davis,

Perry Davis, Jeremy Grissett,

Justin Hammonds, Sabrina

Hathcock, Cordell Hooks, Tiffany

Johnson, Shamba Jones, Tatiana

Kelley, Tina Reed, Yoesha

Terry, Demitrio Tyson, Renada

Williams

**A Honor Roll:** 7th Grade- Jake

Camley, Aaliyah Horstead,

Gunnar, McCollough, Nicholas

Wilson, 9th Grade- Janae

Camley, Justin McLaughlin,

Kayla Rials, April Finedore,

Andrew Head, Robyn

Hudson, Cortlin Lee, David

Maddaloni, Jordan McBride,

Dylan McCollough, Jason

Mitchell, 11th Grade- Ashley

Carpenter, Dancesha Jordan, Trey

Martin, April Price, Ashton

Rodriguez

**Outstanding Spanish**

**Student:** Spanish I- David

Maddaloni; Spanish II- Kayla

Rials

**Outstanding English**

**Student:** Gunnar McCollough

**Outstanding Math Student:**

Justin McLaughlin

**Outstanding Science**

**Student:** Justin McLaughlin

**Outstanding Social Science**

**Student:** Donnell Horstead

**Perfect Attendance:** 7th

Grade- Sara Bane, Catherine

Carpenter, Leonard Cook; 8th

Grade- Keira Hammonds,

Kristin Kelley, Dylan Seay; 9th



## LEVEE—

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Management Agency representatives.

A special presentation was made near the end of the dedication ceremony when Elba City Councilman Ronnie Hammonds read a resolution officially declaring the walking trail atop a portion of the levee in Elba as the Mayor James E. Grimes Riverwalk Trail.

Grimes appeared touched by the sentiment and said he had no idea the announcement was going to be made during the ceremony. A sign was unveiled at the levee entrance near Putnam Street after the resolution was read by Hammonds.

A demonstration of the flood gate on Caroline Street and lunch concluded the event.

Above: Elba Mayor James Grimes and his wife, Henrietta, stand beside the sign unveiled last Friday, June 1, during the Levee Rehabilitation Dedication Ceremony after a resolution was read officially declaring the walking trail atop a portion of the Elba levee as the Mayor James E. Grimes Riverwalk Trail. The sign is located at the levee entrance next to Putnam Street in downtown Elba.

Right: Elba City Clerk Wayne Grantham is shown addressing the crowd of interested citizens and dignitaries that gathered on Caroline Street for a demonstration of the flood gate immediately following the levee rehabilitation dedication ceremony last Friday.

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## Newbia Baptist Church plans VBS

Newbia Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School the week of June 18-23. Services will be held during the evening with a time to be announced.

There will be classes for all ages and supper will be provided each night.  
The church is located on County Road 330, Elba.

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## Coffee County Commission hires new administrator

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission conducted a very long meeting Monday, June 11, that ended with the hiring of a new county administrator.

After working through the items on the agenda, commission chairman Jim Thompson made a motion to change the location of the meeting to conduct interviews for the county administrator's position. Following the interviews, he said the commission would return to the meeting room for deliberations on hiring an administrator. The interviews were considered a part of the commission meeting and were open to the public.

His motion passed. Commissioner Bernest Brooks was against it, however.

Commissioners conducted four interviews. During the interview process, Thompson asked each candidate six prepared questions. This was fol-

lowed by any additional questions from the seven commissioners.

After all was tallied, commissioner Tom Grimsley made a motion to hire Kathy Lolley as the county administrator for \$75,000 per year. His motion received a second from commissioner Doug Dalrymple and passed by a 4-2-1 vote. In favor were commissioners Grimsley, Dalrymple, Linda Westbrook and J.L. Weeks. Opposing the vote were commissioners Thompson and Robert Stephens.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks abstained from the vote. Stephens said his vote did not reflect anything personal against

Lolley. Instead, he said he could not vote to pay two administrators at the same time (Wilson Mobley remains on paid administrative leave). Also, he said he could agree with starting salary of \$75,000. The position was advertised with a salary ranging between \$55,000-\$75,000. Thompson called Lolley to offer her the job. She returned to the meeting to discuss a few matters. The commission answered question for Lolley regarding her earned leave time and said she will be getting a new vehicle to use as administrator. She accepted the job and told commissioners she can begin work as county administrator on Monday, July 9.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners held a rather lengthy executive session with Craig Dilliard, attorney with Webb and Eley, to discuss pending litigation. Following the executive session, no action was taken.

Revenue commissioner Ronnie Burns addressed commissioners to discuss the annual tax settlement, a yearly requirement.

## County BOE tables discussion regarding superintendent's salary

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting held Thursday, June 7, board members began but then tabled a discussion regarding the salary of Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram.

Towards the end of the meeting, board chairman Charles Walker said he would like to hold a discussion regarding Dr. Ingram's contract. He said since her contract was renewed, Dr. Ingram has not gotten a pay raise unlike other personnel. Her contract does not allow for a raise unless approved by the board.

Walker said he would like to look at giving Dr. Ingram a raise and made a motion to grant her a 5 percent pay raise for the 2006-07 school year. Also, his motion called for a 7 percent pay raise for the 2007-08 school year if the state approves the legislation regarding proposed pay raises for educators, and in the future, Walker said he would like to see Ingram receive any other state approved pay raise for educators without board approval.

His motion received a second from board member Larry Eddins.

Walker further said the clause in Ingram's contract leaving the decision of her pay raise to the board was included because of him. He said he believed the board should make the decision on whether or not the superintendent gets a raise.

Board vice chairman Danny Jernigan said Ingram has proven herself, and he is all for her getting a raise. He said he wants the Coffee County School System to be viewed as a good system that rewards people who do a good job.

Board member Annette Griswold also agreed that Ingram deserves a raise, however, she said she was not sure she agreed with the 5 percent plus 7 percent raise. Wanting more time for discussion of the matter, Griswold made a motion with a second from board member Galen McWaters to table the discussion. She also asked for a work session prior to the board's next meeting.

Jernigan recommended the board hold a work session 15 minutes prior to the next board meeting.

Griswold's motion to table was approved by a majority vote. Those voting in favor included Griswold, McWaters, Rubin McKinnon and Jimmy Clark.

In regards to total collections, Burns said this year the county collected \$11,819,600.34 as compared to \$9,626,941.29 last year. He said this is a 22.9 percent increase.

County jail administrator Richard Moss addressed commissioners to ask for their consideration in allowing him to send out bids for the jail's pharmaceutical service. He said the jail is not currently under a contract, but rather an agreement, for the service. He said the company currently being used is starting to charge more and more for the service, and bidding the service might allow the local vendors an opportunity to get involved.

Commissioners voted to allow Moss to send out bids for this service.

Sheriff Dave Sutton asked for approval regarding a maintenance change on sheriff's department vehicles. Currently, he said oil is changed every 3,000 miles on the vehicles and

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## Elba City Council hears "loud music" complaint

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council passed one motion Monday evening, heard a couple of status reports and an ongoing complaint about

loud music. A resolution naming the walking trail atop the newly upgraded levee the "James E. Grimes Riverwalk Trail" was passed by the council members after Mayor Grimes briefly turned over the presiding position to Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Hammond.

Hammond called for a vote on the previously announced resolution to name the walking trail after Mayor Grimes. All five council members voted in favor of the resolution. Grimes asked that the minutes reflect that he abstained from the discussion and the voting.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey explained the increased numbers showing on the monthly activity sheet were due to "traffic overtime money" received through a federal grant.

Later in the meeting, Hanchey was called on to respond to a complaint from Ms. Pearl Williams who told the council about repeated calls to the police department about loud music and nothing being done by police officers. Hanchey explained that a police officer would have to witness the violation of the law to file charges. He added that a citizen who observes such may sign warrants. The chief went on to promise that additional patrolling will be done in the area in her neighborhood in an effort to cut down on the excessive noise. Also present with Ms. Williams and concerned by the same problem was Ms. Rosie Taylor.

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**CHRISTIAN BOOK STORE OPENS IN ELBA.** The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Felicity's Christian Book and Gift to business recently by holding a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday afternoon, June 1. The Christian book and gift store is located at Taylor Crossing on the Alabama 203 Bypass in Elba and is owned and operated by Felicity and Wayne Jackson. At Felicity's Christian Book and Gift, shoppers can find an array of items including books, Bibles, picture frames, CDs, and much more. The store also can place church orders. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony were (from left to right): Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Jr. Miss Elba Cortlin Lee, Eddie Vaughan, Sue Bogan, Junior Miss Zion Chapel Erica Logan, Tammy Mack, MacKenzie Wambles, Dinah Coppage, Little Miss Elba Kayla Seay, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Eva Medlock, Danet Kyser, Future Little Miss Elba Makayla Polk, Little Miss Zion Chapel Lexi Sanders, Wayne and Felicity Jackson - owners, Miss Zion Chapel Brooke Stinson, Kathy Bragg, Ethan Deal, Rene Lambert, Audrey Deal, Herby McCall and Brianna Jackson.

## Area Happenings

**ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** will hold a fund-raising event on Saturday, June 16, at Legion Hall located on the Hwy 203 Bypass, Elba, from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. There will be a food charge for the clinic.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY BANDERS** came home on Monday, June 11, at 10 p.m. The banders will be held at the Citizens Bank community center located at 1000 N. 1st St. in Elba. All residents and interested persons are invited to attend.

**WATER AND WATER** will be held on Saturday, June 16, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Elba Senior Center, 1034 S.W. 1st St. in Elba. The event will feature a water demonstration and a water safety presentation by Coffee County.

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**Firefighter J. J. Farmer**  
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